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REMARKS

Claims 4 and 10 are pending in this application. In an effort to expedite the prosecution of this matter, Applicant has canceled claims 1-3, 5-9 and 11-17 without prejudice. As such, only claims 4 and 10, which were indicated as containing allowable subject matter are presently pending in this case. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests a notice of allowance for the pending claims.

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